GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CULTIVATION OF SEEDLESS FRUITS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to consider to cultivate seedless fruits as promoted by certain Multi National Companies (MNCs);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to overcome its impact on other crops as it was felt in BT Cotton?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a) and (b) The Government is providing assistance for the cultivation of fruits which includes seedless fruits like grapes under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro-Management in Agriculture-Supplementation/ Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plan.

(c) No adverse impact has been reported on the cultivation of seedless fruits like grapes as it does not involve any transgencies.